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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5408

INFO AMEMBASSY CAPETOWN

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AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

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SUBJ: GPRM RESTRICTS ENTRY INTO MOZAMBIQUE UNTIL FEBRUARY 15

- 1. GPRM MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR HAS TIGHTLY RESTRICTED ENTRY INTO MOZAMBIQUE DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 15 UNTIL FEBRUARY 15. CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO ALL VISITS BY TOURISTS, MEMBERS OF FAMILIES, AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN.
- 2. OFFICIAL VISITS AND OTHER EXCEPTIONS ARE TO BE HANDLED BY THE MINISTRY INVOLVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

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- 3. TRAVELLERS WHO EXPECT TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE SHORTLY MUST CERTIFY BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE THAT THEY WILL REMAIN ABROAD DURING THE PERIOD.
- 4. COMMENT: CHECK WITH LOCAL AIRLINES INDICATED THAT GPRM DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED HAVE NOT DEFINED EXACTLY WHAT TRAVEL BAN MEANS. SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS IS WAITING FOR FURTHER

DETAILS, BUT SAID THAT SUSPENSION OF LIGHTS FROM JOHANNESBURG TO MAPUTO DURING THE PERIOD IS BEING CONSIDERED. TRAVEL BAN WAS ISSUED BECAUSE OF THIRD PARTY CONGRESS OF FRELIMO SCHEDULED FOR MAPUTO FEBRUARY 3-7. TWO REASONS ARE PROBABLY INVOLVED:

(A) NEED FOR INCREASED SECURITY DURING CONGRESS; (B) LACK OF HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IN MAPUTO DURING THE PERIOD. EMBASSY WILL REPORT DETAILS OF TRAVEL BAN AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. FOR DEPT: EMBASSY WILL CONTACT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING ADVISABILITY OF TRAVEL BY USG AND DEPT OFFICIAL VISITORS DURING PERIOD. WE HAVE SEVERAL TDYERS COMING, PLUS VISIT OF AF/S ECONOMIC OFFICER EATON AND ARRIVAL OF NEW SECRETARY SYKES.
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